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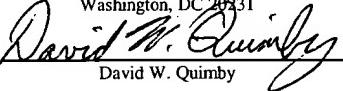
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Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.  
Title: IN SITU THERMAL  
PROCESSING OF A  
HYDROCARBON  
CONTAINING FORMATION  
TO INCREASE A POROSITY  
OF THE FORMATION

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